



DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Dedicated to funding repairs and maintenance to places of
Christian worship in the Diocese of Exeter and throughout Devon

NEWSLETTER

February 2018

Welcome to our annual Newsletter. The support of so many parishes and individuals enables the Devon Historic Churches Trust to continue providing grants to help Devon's churches in their hour of need. This newsletter provides a small sample of some of the work undertaken recently with your help and gives a glimpse of a selection of our supporters out and about raising funds and having fun in the process, on our Devon Historic Churches Day (incorporating the Ride+Stride) – half of which is returned immediately to participating churches. *"Everyone in a Winner!"*

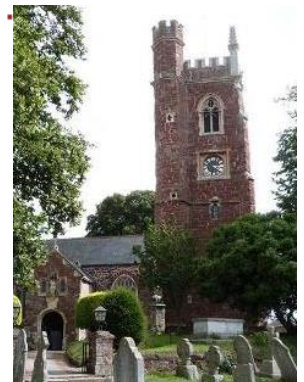
Grants Awarded during the past 12 months

During 2017 the DHCT awarded £59,000 in main grant funding, a selection is illustrated here:



St. Petroc's, Inwardleigh. St Petroc's badly needed significant repairs. The tower roof leaks, the leadwork bays are old and too large, the crenellated parapet and crocketed pinnacles are now dangerous. The spalling ironwork within the stonework and eroded joints have made them insecure. The ground below has had to be roped off to protect people from falling masonry. The parapet has a cementitious render which is also failing badly. Inside the bell chamber the floor is rotten from the continual damp. The walls are also affected, with green algal growth over much of the interior of the tower. In addition, the valley gutter between the nave and north aisle roofs is falling. Again, the lead is in incorrectly sized bays and there are stress fractures. These together with areas of acid erosion are leaking, leading to water ingress to the north aisle, with spalling plaster above the arcade (with a particularly insecure area above the organ). The 16th Century church plays a fundamental role within the local community and maintaining its physical fabric is of upmost importance. It acts as the primary spiritual and social hub for the village. DHCT awarded a grant of £5,000

St Michaels & All Angels, Alphington, Exeter. Work proposed included new lighting, AV system, chairs and a new heating that will benefit the fabric of the Grade 2* Listed Building, the elderly congregation and the children who attend services; as well as the babies and toddlers group. The main vision behind this project is to make the church more user-friendly as they are expecting a large increase in population in the near future with the development of 2,500 new homes in South West Exeter, including some 400 in the village, where the facilities are already over-flowing. DHCT awarded a grant of £2,000



St. Peter's Church, Cornworthy

Over the last ten years this delightful Grade 1 church has raised well over £300,000 for its essential refurbishment.

The DHCT has previously given them a grant for the repair of their Georgian Tester. This current grant was for the conservation and protection of their early 16th Century Rood Screen and Parcloses Screen which were in a bad state.

DHCT awarded a grant of £2,000.

Devon Historic Churches Trust – here to help when you need our support.

Thanks to a generous legacy from one of our supporters, the DHCT created an Emergency Fund in 2014, which has proved of immense value to churches who needed assistance urgently. **In 2016 this fund was adapted to apply also to Small Grant applications of up to £1,000.** These applications can be dealt with quickly and with the minimum of administration required. In 2017 'Small Grants' were awarded to: Ermington, Sowton, Budleigh Salterton Methodists, Torquay (St Mary Magdelene) Chulmleigh, Kentisbury and Highweek.

Some Anecdotes from supporters of our Devon Historic Churches Day & Ride+Stride in 2017:

CONGRATULATIONS to our top performing parishes: **Cheriton Fitzpaine a record breaking £3,820.55.** Posbury £2,385. Chulmleigh £2,093.30. Whimble £1,011.50. Kingsteignton £979.90. Moretonhampstead £855.

St Matthew's Church, Cheriton Fitzpaine.



On Saturday 9th September a team including drivers, riders and striders set off from Cheriton Fitzpaine to raise money in support of the Devon Historic Churches Trust Ride to raise awareness of the difficulty on maintaining Devon's beautiful and ancient historic church buildings. Barry Evershed-Martin and his son Phillip trundled around the mid-Devon lanes visiting churches in Barry's wonderful 1943 Morris 8. Hazel and Daisy Norton and Alice May traipsed many miles through every sort of weather to cover 55 miles collectively on foot and visiting a total of 16 churches on their travels, and Patrick May cycled 60 miles all over mid-Devon. As well as this outdoor activity, a team of volunteers were in St Matthew's supporting the event by providing refreshments throughout the day. With all this wonderful commitment and support the total raised with sponsorship and donations from both the local community and beyond was £3,820.00, half of which goes to The Devon Historic Churches Trust and half to St Matthew's. A truly wonderful amount.

County Organiser's note: *"They raised the single largest amount by any parish for this event. A significant contribution to the future of our Devon churches!"*

Kenn Deanery has a refreshing way of raising funds and having fun!



Starting from Ideford, and finishing in Luton, Janet & David Aylmore visited a great many churches in the Kenn Deanery. Their plan was to get to those churches who were providing refreshments and 'delivering' milk to them from their 1931 Austin 7 Milk Delivery Car.

County Organiser's note: *"This was a great way to support our 'special day' – such fun, and we all wished we could have travelled with them."*

David with Jennifer Rowland, Kenn DHCT Deanery Representative.



Cadbury Deanery. The 'Adventures' of Christopher Maycock.....



Our DHCT representative for the Cadbury Deanery, Christopher Maycock is a true inspiration to us all. Each year his adventures fill us with wonder and how lucky Devon is to have such leadership and commitment. This year Dr Maycock's summary of his day makes 'interesting' reading: he left home at 7.36am, visited 35 churches and arrived home at 7.35pm – a total of 12 hours and covered 98 miles. As always his attention to detail is outstanding: with miles travelled: 98, litres of fuel consumed 11.26!

Of specific interest in churches he visited was the most attractive mosaic at Down St Mary church, shown here together with detail. As you will recognise, it is a symbol of Christ



sacrificing himself on the cross for Man. It had been originally believed that the Pelican pierced its own breast with its beak to feed its young on its blood. The Revd. Prebendary Anthony Geering thinks that in real life the pelican when feeding its young fish, stained its breast feathers with blood from the fish – hence the myth.

Chulmleigh – always a leader in our fundraising adventures.



Chulmleigh commissioned a special banner to display to the ‘wider world’ their fundraising adventures, which as always were very well supported and extremely successful. They started the day with an enjoyable coffee morning in the Town Hall and then moved to the church for the afternoon where (with due regard to H&S) they abseiled from the top of their church tower. WOW!!!

County Organiser’s note: *“Chulmleigh raised one of the largest sums in 2017 and clearly everyone had fun as well – well done!”*

A Pilgrimage in celebration of St Mary.

Pilgrim Joy Hanson took to the road again for our annual fundraising day. With so many local churches dedicated to St Mary mother of Jesus, Joy decided to make a Marian Pilgrimage on foot to celebrate Mary's Birthday celebrated by Christians worldwide.

“I shall be meditating on the remarkable life of this ordinary young Jewish woman chosen by God for an extraordinary job of bearing and raising a boy who grew up to become our Messiah. Sketching the statues and icons of Our Lady in each church – from Buckfast, to Rattery, Dartington, Totnes and Berry Pomeroy (about 12 miles) will help me to write about this unique Mother of God for my next assignment in the course run by the School of Annunciation at Buckfast Abbey”.

Joy was raising money by sponsorship for two local churches of her choice and Devon Historic Churches Trust. St Mary's Rattery for restoration of their unique Scaffito plasterwork, whilst St John's Bridgetown are forging ahead with their Windows and Modernisation project.



Exeter Prayer Walk at the heart of Devon



The Walk started at St Michael’s Mount Dinham and a few hardy walkers, especially David Smith, the Lay Chair of Synod kept going until the final service at St James at 5.30 pm. One member of the Cathedral walkers achieved all churches bar one and others did their best either with a continuous stint or using a bus pass to catch up with the walkers at another church. The big gathering point was the Cathedral Chapter House where Renata once again greeted them with hot and cold drinks and biscuits. They were delighted to be joined by Judith Kauntze the County Organiser for the

Devon Historic Churches Trust and **Bishop Martin** who led the prayers reminding everyone that every person, everything we saw, touched, smelt or heard was sent as a blessing on our pilgrimage.

County Organiser’s note: *“Well done everyone and our thanks to Bishop Martin's for his inspiring support.”*

Kilmington walkers - ‘The Five Alive Mission Community’

12 members of the Five Alive Mission Community Churches, together with 5 dogs, strode off from Stockland Church led by Bryan Drew, on a sponsored walk in aid of the DHCT. The Trust has helped many churches in the county financially over the years, and the Kilmington Parish Church benefited fairly recently. In spite of the poor weather forecast, the group encountered only a sprinkling of rain and the walk through the fields and along the paths to St Peter’s Church in Dalwood and then to Kilmington Church was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Prayers in all three churches were led by the Rev’d Simon Holloway who was one of the walkers. Both coffee in Dalwood and delicious soup with rolls at the New Inn in Kilmington were much appreciated.



Bidding for Success.

Working in partnership with the National Churches Trust and Heritage Lottery Fund, the DHCT is organising a workshop at Exeter Cathedral on Thursday 1st March: *“Are you planning a major repair project? Do you want to make changes enabling greater use of your church or chapel? Do you want to bring the heritage of your church to life?”*

This one day event is an opportunity to help churches build their case and successfully plan so they can articulate their vision to funders and the wider public. Staff from Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in the South West will introduce their range of grant options and share their experiences of how to develop strong bids.

The event covers topics such as consulting and planning projects, local fundraising and applying for other grants including all the National Churches Trust grant programmes. Trustees from the DHCT will give the perspective of a local grant giving trust. There will also be opportunities to share and be inspired by others in the same circumstances and to learn about how successful projects did it.

We are privileged to be holding the event in the historic Chapter House, one of the oldest parts of the Cathedral, which has fine sculptures and a beautiful decorated tie beam roof.



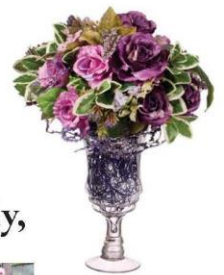
HAVE FUN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR DEVON CHURCHES

Our Parish Churches really need the support of DHCT - can you help us by:

Opening your Garden



Floral displays in your Church



Cream Teas and Cakes



Fun for all the Family,

Games Balloons, Songs



or a Treasure Hunt!



A Litter Picking Walk – get sponsorship and generate donations from appreciative residents.

An entertaining musical event



or Sponsored Hymn singing

When planning your fundraising event, you may wish to create your own Personalised Promotional Poster.

Email: judith.kauntze@btinternet.com or contact@devonhistoricchurches.co.uk and we will provide a Template.

We always enjoy hearing about the activities of our supporters and appreciate all those who raise funds to enable us to continue giving Grants to our Devon Churches.

Devon Historic Churches Day Saturday 8th September 2018

Including Ride+Stride

Organise or attend an event to support the Devon Historic Churches Trust

Or visit our churches and send us a donation.

Make a note in your diary and encourage your friends

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